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FROM COLONEL BURWELL BASSETT.

WMSBURG 13 May 1772

DEAR SIR

We got to Eltham the third day after we left you & found the Children & family pritty will, my Eyes was so much afected by the dust that I was afraid I should have lost my sight they are a little Better now Mrs. Bassett and Betsy have been very unwell since we left you But are better now the other Children are very well, I did not get to town before Colo Fairfax had left it or should have wrote by him I apply'd to Colo Moores Trustees about & let them know that you had sent the Money by me that you agreed to lend Colo Moore & the terms that you expected to advance it on, there answer was that you was upon different terms with others for you had wrote to them to give Colo Moore Cr for £100 & that you would pay the Money upon which I pay the Money by there order to George Brookes a day or two after this Mr Thos John Walker come to town & I spoke to him on the subject & he has agreed that you shall be on the same terms as others & has given me and Instrement in writing Obliging himself to make us a Deed for the Negroes to return to us after the Death of Colo Moore & his Lady

I have engaged the Bills you sent by me for 20 pr Ct & the Rise's & expect to get the Money to day & pay it to Hill, I mention to the Hanover Mercht. what you desire about the

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fistr¹ But could get know infermation from them as the thing had never been trid, they all promis'd to make Enquiry when they went up & let me know & as soon as they do I will write to you, Colo Banister took the Horse at thirty two pounds Str & will pay you in October, Let Miss Patsy know that I sent her the things that her Ant promis'd to get her by Mr Mongory, please to let Mrs Washington know that her Sister will write to her & send the Letter to Ruffins to go up by some of the Mercht,—

I desire you'll offer my best respects to Mrs W & Love to Patsy & Except the same from

Dr Sr Yr affnate Hble Servt BURL BASSETT

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